

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON,
DEPARTMENT OF TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM,
BRASS FOUNDRY
5241 Broad Branch Drive, NW
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Location: 5241 Broad Branch Drive, NW
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Date of Construction: 1914

Present Owner: Carnegie Institution of Washington

Present Use: Demolished

Significance: This building originally served as a foundry to cast nonferrous materials for tools, measuring instruments, and various fasteners and fittings used in magnetic observations undertaken the Carnegie Institute of Washington's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism. (See Site and Buildings, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington, July 1941, "drawing in possession of Carnegie Institution of Washington, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Library.)

Historian: Gray Fitzsimons, 1988.

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